

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-27 are pending. Claims 1-6 and 8-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,239,542 to Breidenstein et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,327,508 to Mergard.

Reconsideration is requested. No new matter is added. Claims 1, 12, 16, 20, 22, 24, and 26 are amended. Claims 28-41 are added. The rejections are traversed. Claims 1-6 and 8-41 remain in the case for consideration.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On August 16, 2004, the undersigned held a telephonic interview with Examiner Agdeppa. All the claims were discussed, with specific reference to claims 1-5. During the interview, the undersigned argued that the combination of Breidenstein and Mergard teaches only replacing an existing template with a new template, and does not teach or suggest inserting a new template without the corresponding deletion of an existing template. The invention as claimed was directed toward adding a new template, without replacing an existing template. The Examiner agreed that Breidenstein and Mergard do not teach this concept, but thought that the claims were not specific to the undersigned's description. The undersigned and the Examiner agreed that amending the claims to describe the new template as replacing an association an old template with respect to a trunk would be allowable over the art of record, but that this amendment would require new search.

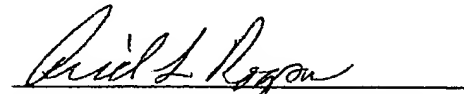
The undersigned also argued that dependent claims described inserting a new template: for example, claims 4-5. The undersigned argued that the plain meaning of "insert" did not suggest removing an existing template. The Examiner argued that insertion did not preclude simultaneous removal of an old template, which would effectively be replacement, as suggested by the combination of Breidenstein and Mergard. The undersigned and the Examiner agreed that adding new dependent claims, such as claim 2-3, dependent from claims 4-5 would claim insertion without a simultaneous deletion by claim differentiation. New claims 28-29 are copies of claims 2-3, but dependent from existing claims 4-5, and as agreed by the Examiner would assist in overcoming the rejection of the claims over the combination of Breidenstein and Mergard. Claims 30-41 are similar to claims 4 and 28, but dependent from the other independent claims in the application.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-6 and 8-41 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the

undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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